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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(Fourteenth session,
Geneva, 8-19 December 1997)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thirteenth International Symposium on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Sea and Inland Waterways (ISTDG 13)

Call for papers

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat has been invited by the secretariat of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to transmit the following information to relevant bodies at the request of the secretariat of the thirteenth International Symposium on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Sea and Inland Waterway (ISTDG 13) which will by held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in the autumn of 1998.

2. The ISTDG 13 will provide a forum for experts from Governments, industries and other institutions concerned to exchange their views and information. The Symposium should serve as a momentum for the development of the transport technology for carrying dangerous goods by sea.

3. The Republic of Korea hopes that as many persons as possible from other countries, especially from those in Asia, will attend the Symposium as speakers and participants.

Symposium Topics

4. To oversee the efficient preparation of the Symposium, the first session of the International Advisory Committee took place at IMO headquarters during the sixty-eighth session of the Maritime Safety Committee MSC 68 (4 June 1997). The Committee, *inter alia*, agreed that, in order to ensure the success of the Symposium and to generate sufficient discussion and audience participation, the papers/speakers should address key issues which will be topical at that time.

5. The ISTDG 13 Secretariat is now calling for presentations in the following areas; however, papers need not to be limited to these subjects only:

- Hazardous Materials
- Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form
- Carriage of Nuclear/Radioactive material
- Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Bulk
- Regulatory Control
- Global Harmonization
- Environmental Protection
- Accident and Response
- Risk assessment
- The Human Interface
- Ship/Port Interface
- Liability and Compensation
- Use of EDI

Submissions of Abstract

6. The Republic of Korea invites wide participation of experts from Governments, professional bodies and industrial organizations concerned who are interested in the transport of dangerous and polluting substances by sea. Those who intend to submit papers are kindly requested to send abstracts of their presentations in English to the Secretariat of the ISTDG 13, not later than 30 November 1997. The abstract should be a highly condensed summary of approximately 150 words presenting the main points covered in the paper and not just be a description of the paper itself.

Organization

7. The Symposium will by organized by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and will be supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) and the International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association (ICHCA) also expressed their intention to support the Symposium.

Secretariat

8. The Secretariat of ISTDG 13 will be the Korea Maritime Dangerous Goods Inspection Center, whose mailing address is given below:

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Further Information

9. The second announcement, which will give more detailed information on venue,exact dates, papers submitted, final session programs, registration, social programs and hotel accommodations, will be available in the spring of 1998.